GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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POLICY FOR ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the existing policy for allotment of petrol pumps in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is aware that private companies are manipulating and compelling the public sector petrol pumps owners to change their locations from one place to another;

(d) if so, the number of such cases came to the notice of the Government during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities of private companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : Based on certain broad parameters advised by the Government to the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), the latter have framed their guidelines for the selection of retail outlet dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships for viable locations in the country, and have been making selections and allotments of such dealerships/distributorships in terms of these guidelines. These guidelines, which are objective and transparent in nature, provide for a detailed procedure to be followed by the OMCs in making selection/allotment of dealers/distributors. At present, no change in policy in the matter of allotment of retail outlets, is contemplated.

(c) to (d) : No, Sir. The OMCs have not come across any instance of private companies manipulating and compelling their retail outlet dealers to change their locations.

(e): While granting authorization for marketing rights to private companies, Government have prescribed that they would not be allowed to encroach on the existing retail outlet of any marketing company.